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Subject: bills SB 459 & 460

Hi,
Please vote to reject these 2 bills, SB 459 & 460. Relaxing the laws & approvals of future sea wall construction, structures near the coastline & rivers, etc. is certainly not in the best interests of the state of Connecticut. It has already been proven that unregulated construction in coastal regions proves to be detrimental in the long term (precisely the reason these laws creating regulations & approvals have been enacted in the first place).
The construction of seawalls, rather than the restoration of natural dunes & marches, instead causes erosion of adjacent coastline & other detrimental effects to the coastline. My other concern is the unregulated construction of homes, businesses, industry, etc. at & adjacent to the coastline. Certainly this is prime property; However, public recreation would be a much better use of this natural resource. I would propose a law that severely limits the rebuilding of shoreline properties after significant storm damage. Flood insurance (FEMA) should have a one-time reimbursement for the owner of the property after storm damage & the state should take over the property for recreational use, charging a per car fee similar to Hammonasset, etc. Laws similar to this have been passed in other states & are constitutional. I believe this is true for the Outer Banks of North Carolina & other similar areas.

Take care,
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Regards,
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